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Sunday May 17-'36

Dearest Stewart:

When I received your good letter back in Jan. little did I plan then to wait until now to ans.

Well at my writing summer has really come and after the worst winter I ever witnessed I sit here sparsely clad & really enjoying it. Every thing is so pretty & green makes one want to stay out all the time. Our garden is coming up & can't wait for real beans, tomatoes, & corn.

You said you spent Xmas at home I know you enjoyed it as well as they did having you. none of ^{our} family here for Xmas but us four. Mamma, Dad, Sweet & myself. Your mother is younger than mine. She was 65 in Dec. but feel pretty good, does lots of work & always ready go. Today they have gone with mamma's niece over Tex. spend day. Did I tell you she spent last July & Aug. in Fla. One my sisters came up in her car & they went back same way. She returned by rail. Dot, one of youngest, lies at Daytona Beach also & she wanted mamma there when her baby came. It came Aug 5. Mamma is wild go back but Dot thinks she will come ^{home} for few wks. The

rest of us are crazy^{to} see him.

I know you were elated to get nice boss + trust you get^{to} stay on.

I think your planned trip to Calif. sounds grand, don't miss it. The price is marvelous. I knew you would be seeing missions. I'm at Riverside + I am loaning you my guide. Take it with you + I think my markings will be of real help to you. I wish I had had it when I went there my visit would have meant more to me.

I know you enjoy your nurses meeting. Such contacts are fine. I should say you have been lucky about work since graduation. Well here I am among army of unemployed again. I was released with several other from F. E. R. A. past Dec. no work since. I have been trying my best to get on some of the gov. projects but so far fruitless. I tried the hardest ever to get school for fall but so far nothing doing. The Supt here was discharged this spring + new man whom I feel is my friend put in but old one was still, some how, given right select teachers for next yr. He has personal grudge against me + as result did not get in here. I am still hoping for Tex but can't tell. I will decide I have written application, inter-

7. knitted garments.

Did your friend ever get ^{her} job with air service. not ~~did~~ this for me.

well I had a big surprise yesterday a letter from Cora May. She said she wrote me a long time ago she was married ~~but~~ I never did receive it. She realized such by my ~~kind~~ card to her in ^{her} ~~road~~ ~~room~~. I trust she is happily married. She was a sweet kid. Her name sounds foreign. Eva owes me a letter. She sent me lovely ~~kind~~ ~~card~~ pkg. + and I do wish she would write. I would love to have you + her visit me some summer but seems to date just has not suited but I am still keeping the idea in ^{the} back of my mind.

my Dad hasn't had practically any work for past yr. + half. Sweet Clebs at Pennys Chain Store + you know doesn't make much with me out work things are not so easy here but I guess will be able to survive the necessities. I have been teaching "women's Bible class" regularly now for nearly 2 yrs. The teacher's health gave way + she been in coll. since Xmas but hope she comes back soon. I enjoy ^{the} work even though it necessitates about 5 hrs. study a wk.

Let me hear from you again + best wishes for best trip ever + heaps of love to you. mack.

3. view persons about work until
I am really crazy. Surely some-
thing will "turn up" before summer
is going.

I have just about finished
house cleaning now. I work on the
kitchen & will be done. I work a
longer day & have been into
it over 100 lbs. I then have little
left to do. I got pretty white
swish with red dot in it to
make. This all new I am getting
for summer. I had all new things
last summer & they were all good
quality & as result still look nice.
I have read great deal this
winter & still have stacks
of it yet. I am enjoying a set of
books loaned to me "Elbert
Hubbards - Little Journeys into
the Homes of the Great" also read
"North to Orient" by A. Lindberg.
"Transition" ^{which is an} autobiography of Will
Dugant. also his "Story of Philosophy".
This winter I heard Will Dugant
in exp. also heard Amelia Ear-
heart & stereopticon lecture on
Ethiopia. They were all fine.
I adore having money to see & hear
the best but of last yrs. have not
done much.

I think you are very ambitious
outside of your nursing. I do
not care for or to do handwork
any kind. Mamma & myself have
made several croquet mugs
this winter but that is a far as
go. Personally I do not care for